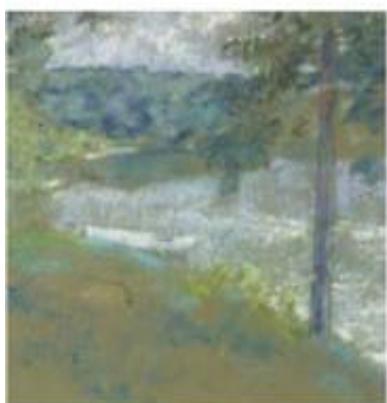




Replace Park Maintenance, Curatorial, and Administrative Facilities

Draft Environmental Assessment/Assessment of Effect
May 2004



United States Department of the Interior



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IN REPLY REFER TO: D30 (WEFA 21523)

May 12, 2004

Dear Friends of Weir Farm National Historic Site:

Enclosed for public review is the document, *Replace Park Maintenance, Curatorial, and Administrative Facilities Environmental Assessment/Assessment of Effect*. The National Park Service proposes to replace the current maintenance, curatorial, and administrative facilities at Weir Farm National Historic Site. The proposed action would construct a new facility within the 9-acre support zone, and rehabilitate an existing non-historic structure, the former Westervelt House, at 250 Old Branchville Road, Ridgefield, Connecticut. This project was identified in the 1995 Weir Farm National Historic Site General Management Plan.

These combined facilities would house the maintenance and administrative functions and house the majority of the museum collection. This project would construct a new 10,500 square foot facility within the 9-acre support zone that includes 4,200 square feet of light industrial space for maintenance purposes, 2,200 square feet for museum collections storage, and 4,100 square feet for maintenance, curatorial and administrative offices.

This assessment is being forwarded to your office as part of the public review process required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, for the actions described in this document. Additional copies of the report are available at the public libraries of Wilton and Ridgefield, at the Weir Farm visitor center and on the park website [[www.nps.gov/wefa -management docs](http://www.nps.gov/wefa-management_docs)].

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. **If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment.** We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

The public comment period closes 30 calendar days after the date at the top of this letter. If you have comments please submit them to me in writing at Weir Farm National Historic Site, 735 Nod Hill Road, Wilton, CT 06897, no later than June 12, 2004. You may also email comments to: randy_turner@nps.gov. Thank you for your support and continued interest in Weir Farm National Historic Site.

Sincerely,

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

ACHP	Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
CAA	Clean Air Act
CEQ	Council on Environmental Quality
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CO	Carbon Monoxide
CWA	Clean Water Act
dB	Decibel
dBA	A-weighted Decibel
DO	Director's Order
EA	Environmental Assessment
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
ESA	Endangered Species Act
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FONSI	Finding of No Significant Impact
GMP	General Management Plan
IDT	Interdisciplinary Team
Ldn	Day-Night Level
LEED	Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design
MSL	Mean Sea Level
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association
NHPA	National Historic Preservation Act
NHS	National Historic Site
NOx	Nitrogen Oxides
NPS	National Park Service
NRHP	National Register of Historic Places
O ₃	Ozone
PM ₁₀	Particulate Matter
SHPO	State Historic Preservation Officer
SO ₂	Sulfur Dioxide
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
USC	United States Code
USDOT	United States Department of Transportation
USEPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
VOC	Volatile Organic Compound

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